



# Indiana Department of Education

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To: Superintendents and Principals

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Subject: 2023 Legislative Changes Impacting Graduation Rate Calculations

Following the conclusion of the 2023 legislative session, several pieces of legislation taking effect July 1, 2023, impact Indiana school performance and accountability. This memo provides additional clarity regarding these new requirements.

## **HEA 1635**

As required by IC 20-26-13-10, Indiana schools will now adhere to newly established percentage caps placed on graduation waivers when determining graduation rates. In IDOE's calculations of graduation rates, the following graduation waiver caps will be in place for the school years listed:

- For the 2023-2024 school year, no more than 9% of graduation waivers will be counted towards a school's graduation rate.
- For the 2024-2025 school year, no more than 6% of graduation waivers will be counted towards a school's graduation rate.
- For subsequent school years, no more than 3% of graduation waivers will be counted towards a school's graduation rate.

The caps placed on graduation waivers will only impact the local and state graduation rate and will not impact the federal graduation rate. As the newly established graduation waiver caps go into effect beginning with the 2024 graduation cohort, this fall, the cohort reports in Ed Data will be updated to reflect this change.